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Re: Application of Tetsuhito TSUKAGOSHI, Takeshi WATANABE,
Kuninobu KADOTA and Yuichiro OGAWA entitled
"PNEUMATIC TIRES"
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
Our Reference: Q78094



Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior application Serial No. 10/254,554 (Confirmation No. 9934) filed September 26, 2002, by Tetsuhito TSUKAGOSHI, Takeshi WATANABE, Kuninobu KADOTA and Yuichiro OGAWA entitled "PNEUMATIC TIRES."

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed are copies of the specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty-six (26) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 3-8, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11, 12a, 12b, 13-20, 21a, 21b, 22, 23, 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d, 24e, 25a, 25b, 26-28, 29a, 29b, 29c, 29d, 29e, 30a, 30b, 31 and 32, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are (1) a copy of the Assignment as previously recorded as of January 28, 2000, on Reel 10554 at Frame 414, (2) an Information Disclosure Statement, (3) Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the two (2) prior applications, and (4) a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Jason R. Bellinger in Group Art Unit 3617.

Please amend page 1 of the specification by inserting the following before the first line thereof:

This is a division of application Serial No. 10/254,554 filed September 26, 2002, which was a division of application Serial No. 09/493,116 filed January 28, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,530,411), the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.



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Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-19,847	January 28, 1999
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The priority documents were filed in grandparent application Serial No. 09/493,116 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,530,411).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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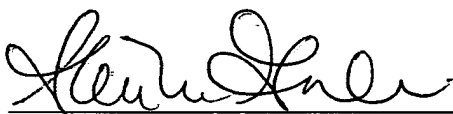
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This application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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